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Record of Variance Action

This variance allows the Department to house Rikers Youth and the Adolescent Offender population in single occupancy dry cells.

Type of Variance: Limited

Date on which variance will commence: July 10, 2018

Time period, if any: Six months, ending January 10, 2019

Minimum Standard for which Variance is Granted: 1-04(b)(2)

Date on which Board of Correction first approved variance (for renewals only): N/A

Requirements imposed as conditions on variance:

1. With respect to youth locked in dry cells, housing unit staff will escort residents of Horizon to the unoccupied housing area bathroom and will provide residents with drinking water within five (5) minutes of the request, absent extenuating circumstances.
2. Housing unit staff will document when a bathroom escort or drinking water is requested. Documentation will include the time of the request and the time escorting begins.
3. Horizon staff shall not retaliate against residents who request bathroom access or drinking water.
4. Notice of the specific terms and conditions of this Variance and the right to notify the Board of any related violations shall be provided to Horizon residents.

5. The Department shall provide the Board with a monthly audit on its compliance with the implementation of this Variance and foregoing conditions. Commencing on November 15, 2018, the Department shall provide its first monthly public audit to the Board with respect to the previous month (i.e., October 2018) and within 15 days of the end of each month thereafter.